

HB 2256 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines dietary supplements as food for purposes of regulation by Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) in ORS Chapter 616.

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3--Evans, Sprenger, Stark.

Has minimal fiscal impact, no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) currently licenses and inspects dietary supplement manufacturers. However, a recent analysis by the Department of Justice determined that ODA does not have clear authority to regulate dietary supplements.

To clarify ODA's regulatory authority, House Bill 2256A would add dietary supplements to the definition of "food" in the statute pertaining to the administration and enforcement of food, drink and sanitation laws. The measure would also align the definition of dietary supplements with federal statute.